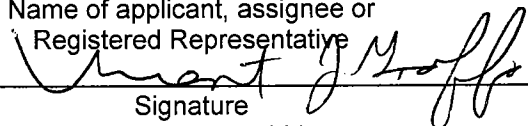


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In re Appln. of: Ioannis G. Pallikaris et al.

Appln. No.: 10/786,350

Filed: February 25, 2004

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Surface of the Cornea of and  
Eye

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### SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), Applicant hereby cites the  
following reference:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
5,571,124	11/05/1996	Zelman

The reference was cited in an Office Action dated November 25, 2009 in  
commonly owned co-pending application serial no. 10/971,727.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference and entry thereof into the record of this application.

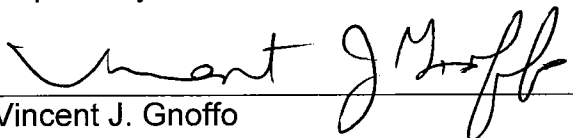
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), Applicant certifies that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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